

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad you could be with us today, especially if you are visiting with us for the first time. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. You can greet our pastor as you leave the sanctuary after services. Please stop by our Guest Welcome Center near the Fellowship Hall for more information. We pray that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family. **Both members & visitors please complete the connection card in the pew pockets** (or scan the QR code below to complete online). Place the card in the offering plate on your way out. NOTE: You can give online at our website or place in offering plates at back of sanctuary (we don't pass plates).

### A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Saturday and Sunday (except on FRIEND DAYS), and all festival services. Lutherans believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present "in, with and under" the bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. All communicants should have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and have faith in these words of Jesus: "This IS my Body given for you...This IS my Blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Instruction on this and the Lutheran Church takes place through First Communion, Confirmation, and membership classes or meeting with the pastor. To inquire, contact the church office at your convenience. If you will not be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, you may remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as a sign that you will not be receiving. Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cups tray. **Gluten-free wafers are packaged and placed in wafer bowl, indicate to server.**



### SURVEY QUESTION

Who or what brought you here today?

- A. Saw the sign                      B. An invitation  
C. Online promotion              D. \_\_\_\_\_

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP** You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

**FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

**WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU** If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

**Septuagesima**  
**January 28, 2024**  
**Lutheran Service Book, Divine 4, page 203**

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**Septuagesima:** (Latin for seventieth) 70 days as measured to the Saturday after Easter. The purpose is an extended season of penitence for sin. 70 days is a parallel to the 70 years of captivity of the Jews in Babylon. Written about by Amalarius of Metz, Bishop of Trier, c. 840 AD. From Psalm 137, origin Early Church Worship.

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Connection Card, and Announcements**

Please stand if you are able.

**Opening Hymn**

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

- 1     Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
       That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
       Was blind but now I see!
  
- 2     The Lord has promised good to me,  
       His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
       As long as life endures.
  
- 3     Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
       I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
       His grace will lead me home.
  
- 4     Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
       And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
       In heaven’s joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel if you are able.

Take a moment to confess in your heart what is on your mind.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Introit

Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49

- D The cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.
- C In my distress I called upon the Lord.  
From his temple he heard my voice.**
- D I love you, O Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.
- C For you save a humble people,  
but the haughty eyes you bring down.**
- D [You have] equipped me with strength  
and made my way blameless.
- C For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,  
and sing to your name.**
- All Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

**Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to

them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”<sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”<sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

## Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

**D** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them

received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed** **Larry you will introduce the creed**

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

**Hymn of the Day**

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

LSB 570:1-4, 6

1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



2 Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Sermon

## Offertory

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**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



Please stand if you are able.

### Prayer of the Church

**D** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You call Your Church to fruitful labor in Your vineyard. Cause us to recognize our unworthiness for such a gracious gift, to rejoice in the salvation we have in Christ and to remain steadfast in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**D** Father of all, You have built Your one, holy Church upon the rock of Christ and ordered her according to Your gracious will. Instill in her pastors a godly wisdom to know Your Word thoroughly, and in her people a patient spirit that waits on Your heavenly provision. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**D** Father in heaven, bless our congregation, that we would love one another as Christ has loved us. Lead us to give generously in support of Your mission here and abroad, to pray for our enemies, to put away all earthly grumbling, and to bask in Your gracious providence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**D** Almighty God, You have established all authority upon earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember those entrusted with civil authority here and in all places, and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**D** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

(from Matthew 6:9-13)

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus

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**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

LSB 662

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! **Refrain**

**Refrain** Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.

2 Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading

Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. **Refrain**

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail. **Refrain**

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,  
Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. **Refrain**

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# THE SUNDAY HERALD

## January 29 – February 4, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS 9A-3P</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS 9A-NOON</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS 9A-3P</b>	Bulletin Assembly 10:00am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS 9A-3P</b> Lutheranism & Member Class 6:00pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> Lutheranism & Member Class 9:00am HC Food Pantry Meeting 10:00am HC Car Club 1:30pm Praise Band rehearsal 4:30pm Communion Worship 5:30pm Gourmet Hot Cocoa Bar 6:30pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS 9A-3P</b> Prayer Group 3:00pm Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	<b>SUNDAY</b> Bible Classes for all ages 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Youth Group 6:00pm

### **BIBLE READINGS FOR SEXAGESIMA**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13  
 Epistle: Hebrews 4:9-13  
 Holy Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

### **FRIEND WEEKEND**

Friend Weekend is this weekend. Did you invite someone? Following our worship services on Saturday and Sunday we are going to have a "Gourmet Hot Cocoa Bar". Hot chocolate with all the toppings. Yum. See you there.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Have you lost something? Maybe left something at church that you forgot

about. I have put up a lost and found table by the member mailboxes. Take a look you just might find something that you thought was lost.

### **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

A copy of the February Newsletter is available on the Welcome Center table and on the Website. Pick yours up today. Thank you.

## **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

I will be updating the church directory this month. Please be sure that I have your correct information. If you need to change or want to make sure that I have your correct information, just give me a call. Look for your new church directory in February. Thank you, Becky

## **TELLERS NEEDED**

We need additional tellers to count offerings on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe. Thank you.

## **MOCKTAILS AND CHARCUTERIE BOARD NIGHT**

### **FEBRUARY 16TH @ 7PM**

A new women's group is coming to Holy Cross geared for women ages **30-50**. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Narthex so we can have an idea of the number of ladies attending. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Shanburn or Laurel Clemons.

## **ATTENTION ALL LADIES**

Save the date - May 18th. More specific details will follow soon.

## **ARRIVED**

Dear Members of Holy Cross, We have arrived to the Dominican Republic safe and sound, Thank you for your support

and prayers. In Christ, Pastor and Kathy Conrad

## **PANCAKE SUPPER & RACES HAVE RETURNED**

Join us **Tuesday, February 13** starting at 5:30 pm for Shrove (Fat) Tuesday Pancake Supper & Races. On the menu will be traditional pancakes, potato pancakes & ham and for dessert – your favorite & mine...Paczki's!! The races are for all ages—just bring a frying pan and your fastest running shoes! This event is sponsored by the Board of Elders. Men of the congregation, if you would like to help with setup, cooking, and/or cleanup please contact Mark Coon. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## **LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 14**

Come and prepare yourselves for Jesus' death and resurrection. The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Lenten midweek services will be on Wednesdays through March 20. This year during the Lenten midweek services we will be watching the film, "The Gospel of John" with famous actor Henry Ian Cusick. We'll split up the 3-hour film into 5 Wednesdays with prayer, discussion, popcorn and drinks in Haggerty Hall, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring your kids. See you there.